

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 86, line 14, as follows:

--In this example, the operation was conducted in the same manner as in Example 1, except that ethanol: C₂H₅OH (hereinafter abbreviated to EtOH) was replaced by used in place of DBS as the additive to be mixed and the amount thereof was changed to 30 parts by weight and also the time of standing in a closed state was changed to one week from one day, and then the mixture was left to stand at a standing temperature of 10°C, 25°C and 50°C to obtain samples gelatinized at different standing temperatures.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 87, line 4, as follows:

--In this example, the operation was conducted in the same manner as in Example 5, except that isopropanol: (CH₃)₂CHOH (hereinafter abbreviated to IPA) was replaced by used in place of EtOH as the additive to be mixed and the amount thereof was changed to 30 parts by weight, and then the mixture was left to stand at a standing temperature of 10°C, 25°C and 50°C to obtain samples gelatinized at different standing temperatures.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 87, line 17, as follows:

--In this example, the operation was conducted in the same manner as in Example 5, except that polyethylene glycol: [(CH₂)₂O]_n (hereinafter abbreviated to as PEG) having a molecular weight of 1000 was replaced by used in place of EtOH as the additive to be mixed and the amount thereof was changed to 10 parts by weight, and then the mixture was left to stand at a standing temperature of 10°C, 25°C and 50°C to obtain samples gelatinized at different standing temperatures.--